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In re Application of: )  
Omar C. Baldonado et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2122  
Application No. 09/960,623 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: September 20, 2001 )  
For: Method And Apparatus For Coordinating )  
Routing Parameters Via a Back-Channel )  
Communication Medium )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the examination on the merits.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications No. 60/241,450, filed October 17, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/275,206, filed March 12, 2001, and is a continuation-in part of U.S. Applications No. 09/903,441, filed July 10, 2001, U.S. Application No. 09/923,924, filed August 6, 2001, and U.S. Application No. 09/903,423, filed July 10, 2001. These applications are herein incorporated by reference.--